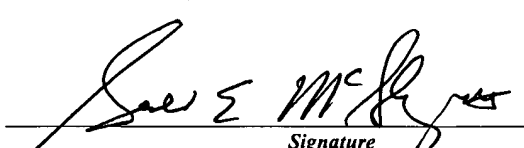
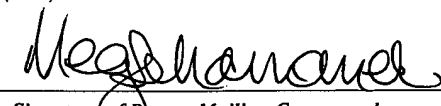


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005.

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